

Senate Study Bill 3107 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BROWN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to motor vehicle speed, including by increasing
2 the speed limit on certain roads and increasing fines for
3 excessive speed in road work zones, and making penalties
4 applicable.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.285, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
2 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Notwithstanding any other speed restrictions, the speed
4 limit for all vehicular traffic on fully controlled-access,
5 divided, multilaned highways is sixty-five miles per hour.
6 However, the speed limit for all vehicular traffic on highways
7 that are part of the interstate road system, ~~as defined in~~
8 ~~section 306.3~~, is seventy seventy-five miles per hour, and the
9 speed limit for all vehicular traffic on noninterstate fully
10 controlled-access, divided, multilaned highways identified
11 by the commission as part of the network of commercial and
12 industrial highways is seventy miles per hour. The department
13 may establish a speed limit of sixty-five miles per hour on
14 certain divided, multilaned highways not otherwise described
15 in this paragraph.

16 Sec. 2. Section 805.8A, subsection 14, paragraph i,
17 subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4), Code 2022, are amended
18 to read as follows:

19 (1) ~~One~~ Three hundred ~~ninety-five~~ ninety dollars for speed
20 not more than ten miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

21 (2) ~~Three~~ Seven hundred ~~ninety~~ eighty dollars for speed
22 greater than ten but not more than twenty miles per hour over
23 the posted speed limit.

24 (3) ~~Six~~ One thousand two hundred ~~forty-five~~ ninety dollars
25 for speed greater than twenty but not more than twenty-five
26 miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

27 (4) ~~One~~ Two thousand ~~two~~ five hundred ~~eighty-five~~ seventy
28 dollars for speed greater than twenty-five miles per hour over
29 the posted speed limit.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 Current law provides that the speed limit for all vehicular
34 traffic is 55 miles per hour (mph) unless otherwise provided
35 for by other speed restrictions. The speed limit on fully

1 controlled-access, divided, multilaned highways is 65 mph.
2 The speed limit on highways that are part of the interstate
3 road system is 70 mph. The department of transportation (DOT)
4 is allowed to establish a speed limit of 65 mph on certain
5 divided, multilaned highways not already covered by Code
6 section 321.285(5)(a).

7 This bill increases the speed limit on highways that are part
8 of the interstate road system to 75 mph and on noninterstate
9 highways that are part of the commercial and industrial highway
10 network to 70 mph.

11 A violation of a speed restriction is punishable by a
12 scheduled fine with the amount of the fine determined by the
13 speed in excess of the limit under Code section 805.8A(5)
14 (speed violations), 805.8A(10) (school bus violations), or
15 805.8A(14)(i) (road work zone violations). However, a school
16 bus violation of more than 10 mph in excess of the limit
17 is not a scheduled violation and is punishable as a simple
18 misdemeanor. A simple misdemeanor is punishable by confinement
19 for no more than 30 days or a fine of at least \$105 but not more
20 than \$855 or by both.

21 The bill doubles the applicable fines for violating a speed
22 limit in a road work zone.